



# Merrick County Board Minutes



## May 26, 2015

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 9:08 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Kucera, Kreachbaum, Carlson, Weller, Helgoth, and Wiegert present. County Attorney Homolka was also present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:08 a.m.

Moved Kucera, second Graves to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:08a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Agenda:** Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Minutes:** Moved Carlson, second Weller to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting as printed. Roll Call: Ayes: Graves, Kreachbaum, Kucera, Weller, Carlson, and Wiegert. Nays: None. Abstain: Helgoth.

**Meeting reports:** Graves attended a NIRMA meeting in Lincoln on May 13, a hospital meeting on May 21, and another NIRMA meeting in Lincoln on May 21, and May 22; Weller and Kucera attended the Board of Equalization meeting in Kearney on May 14; Weller attended a Development Corp meeting on May 22; Kreachbaum and Wiegert attended the Merrick Foundation meeting in Chapman on May 18; Kucera, Helgoth, and Graves attended the personnel meeting.

**Official reports:** County Attorney Homolka and her Deputy Aaron Kunz attended the Nebraska County Attorney Spring Training in Kearney on May 13, 14, and 15<sup>th</sup>.

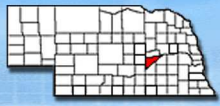
**Hospital update:** Julie Murray, Litzenberg Hospital Administrator said for the first time in history, the medical staff and hospital came together to celebrate health care week. The State visited the hospital and on May 4, 2015 the Litzenberg Hospital was certified as a level 4 trauma center. The physicians would like to do a health care week every six months, so it will be done in May and in November.

**Special Liquor License:** The Fair Board asked for the Board's approval for a special liquor license for the beer garden at the County Fair on Saturday, August 1, Monday, August 3, Tuesday, August 4, and Wednesday, August 5, 2015. Moved Weller, second Kreachbaum to approve the special liquor license for the beer garden at the County Fair on Saturday, August 1, Monday, August 3, Tuesday, August 4, and Wednesday, August 5, 2015 for the Fair Board. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**4H Building bond:** Tammy Stuhr, Extension Educator told the Board that the Merrick Foundation did approve part of the grant that was requested for \$312,500.00. The Foundation would give them 10% or \$31,000.00 a year if they can raise and match that every year. The committee will be meeting with the engineers next week and it will be a noon meeting. Andy Forney with D.A. Davidson said the County is going to pay principle and interest for 15 years on a 15 year bond. There hasn't been a lot of changes in the interest rates. Forney said that a half percent increase in the interest rate would cost the County around \$37,500.00. Forney said that the county should give him 45 days from the time the Board tells them they need the money and they will deliver the bond money. The bonds will be sold to Nebraska banks. The courthouse bond that was refinanced in 2011 is close to being callable. The interest cost range now is 2.4% to 2.2%. The final maturity date of the courthouse bond is 2025. Forney will plan on coming back in front of the Board on August 11, 2015 unless the interest rates change a lot.

**Bid documents:** Ag Society Vice President, Troy Wells said they had held a building committee meeting this a.m. and it was very poorly attended. Wells said that they wanted Joseph R. Hewgley to give bids on the building itself and get general bids for the interior. They thought they could get the 4H Building and arena built for less money and could finish the interior as they got the money raised instead of getting bids for a turnkey that they do not have all of the money for. They are planning to break ground sometime after the fair. Wells said he has the brick campaign in place but they have not actually started fundraising yet. The County Board said that the committee should meet with Hewgley next week and if they can't get things ironed out to have Hewgley come before the Board at the June 9, 2015 meeting.

**Hearing on asphaltic concrete resurfacing:** Moved Graves, second Kucera to open the hearing on asphaltic concrete resurfacing of approximately 5 miles in the north central to northwest part of Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes. Bids from four companies were received for Bid A for 4 miles and Bid B for all 5 miles. The companies and their bids are as follows: Constructors, Inc. Bid A 1. Cold Milling Class 1 – 211.270 stations: \$240.00 per station total \$50,704.80; 2. Asphaltic Concrete Type SPR – 6,50 tons: \$64.00 per ton total \$444,800.00; 3. Tack Coat – 6,750 gallons: \$1.35 per gallon total \$9,112.50; Gross total of \$504,617.30; Bid B 1. Cold Milling Class 1 – 265.270 stations: \$240.00 per station total \$63,664.80; 2. Asphaltic Concrete Type SPR – 8,710 ton: \$64.00 per ton total \$557,440.00; 3. Tack Coat – 8,500 gallons: \$1.35 per gallon total \$11,475.00 for Gross total of \$632,579.80 with a start date of August 24, 2015; J.I.L.



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Asphalt Paving Co. Bid A 1. Cold Milling Class 1 – 211.270 stations: \$294.15 per station total of \$62,145.07; 2. Asphaltic Concrete Type SPR – 6,950 ton: \$70.20 per ton total \$487,890.00; 3. Tack Coat -6,750 gallon: \$1.10 per gallon total \$7,425.00; Gross total of \$555,460.07; Bid B 1. Cold Milling Class1 – 265.270 stations: \$294.15 per station total \$78,029.17; 2. Asphaltic Concrete Type SPR – 8,710 ton: \$69.80 per ton total \$607,958.00; 3. Tack Coat – 8,500 gallons: \$1.10 per gallon total \$9,350.00; Gross total \$695,337.17; start date of August 2015; Gary Smith Construction Co., Inc. Bid A 1. Cold Milling Class 1 – 211.270 stations: \$195.00 per station total \$41,197.65; 2. Asphaltic Concrete Type SPR – 6,950 tons: \$56.84 per ton total \$395,038.00; 3. Tack Coat – 6,750 gallons: \$1.00 per gallon total \$6,750.00; Gross total of \$442,985.65; Bid B 1. Cold Milling Class 1 – 265.270 stations: \$195.00 per station total \$51,727.65; 2. Asphaltic Concrete Type SPR – 8,710 ton: \$56.84 per ton total \$495,076.79; 3. Tack Coat – 8,500 gallons: \$1.00 per gallon total \$8,500.00 for Gross total of \$555,304.05 with a start date of August 10, 2015; Vontz Paving Bid A 1. Cold Milling Class 1 – 211.270 stations: \$150.00 per station total \$31,690.50; 2. Asphaltic Concrete Type SPR – 6,950 tons: \$58.00 per ton total \$403,100.00; 3. Tack Coat – 6,750 gallons: \$1.95 per gallon total \$13,162.50; Gross total of \$447,953.00; Bid B 1. Cold Milling Class 1 – 265.270 stations: \$150.00 per station total \$39,790.50; 2. Asphaltic Concrete Type SPR – 8,710 ton: \$58.00 per ton total \$505,180.00; 3. Tack Coat – 8,500 gallons: \$1.95 per gallon total \$16,575.00 for Gross total of \$561,545.50 with a start date of July 2015. Moved Graves, second Kucera to close the hearing at 11:27 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves, second Kucera to go with the bid from Gary Smith Construction Co., Inc. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Agreement between NDOR and Merrick County:** The Agreement for Consultant Inspection and Load Re-Rating on County Fracture Critical Bridges between Merrick County and the Nebraska Department of Road was presented for the Board's approval to have the Chairman sign it. Moved Graves, second Carlson to approve and have the Chairman sign the Agreement for Consultant Inspection and Load Re-Rating on County Fracture Critical Bridges between Merrick County and the Nebraska Department of Road. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**RESOLUTION 2015-7:** RESOLUTION 2015-7 was presented for the Board's approval and signatures stating the County Board had approved the signing of the project program agreement 2015 fracture critical bridge inspection. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2015-7 stating the County Board had approved the signing of the project program agreement 2015 fracture critical bridge inspection. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2015-7 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

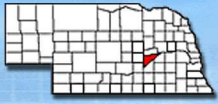
**Special liquor license:** An Application for Special Designated Liquor License was submitted to the Merrick County Board of Supervisors for Harley Conway DBA Bootlegger, Inc. for a wedding reception to be held at the Riverside Pavilion, Central City, NE on June 13, 2015 for their approval. Moved Kucera, second Carlson to approve the Application for Special Designated Liquor License for Harley Conway DBA Bootlegger, Inc. for a wedding reception to be held at the Riverside Pavilion, Central City, NE on June 13, 2015. Roll Call: All Ayes.

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**Dental insurance:** Cal Strong with Strong Financial told the Board that the dental policy is up for renewal and runs from August to August. The new rates will effective on the payroll in August. The single rate now is \$23.80 and will go to \$24.30, a difference of 50 cents and the family rate is \$70.10 to \$71.50 a difference of \$1.40. Moved Kucera, second Carlson to renew the Dental Insurance with Delta. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Maintenance agreement for new generator:** Sheriff Campbell presented the maintenance agreement from Electrical Engineering & Equipment Co. for the new generator at the Sheriff's Office. The agreement is for one year for a cost of \$1,205.00 a year. They will come two times a year and perform maintenance and do a two hour load bank test each time. This is where the generator came from and perform these functions at several other business in the area. Moved Helgoth, second Weller to approve the maintenance agreement from Electrical Engineering & Equipment Co. for the new generator at the Sheriff's Office. The agreement is for one year for a cost of \$1,205.00 a year. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Sheriff Campbell said that they had received a grant that paid for all the expenses except the car rental for John Westman and Kim Campbell to attend classes to be Jail Administrator. They need two more classes to be certified.



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**Budget:** The Board discussed the budget and what amount the official's budget could increase. Moved Kucera for a 2% increase in wages and 2% increase each office budget. Kucera withdrew her motion after more discussion and for lack of a second. Moved Helgoth, second Graves set the increase at 2.5% for each officials overall budget. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Building and Grounds:** Kucera said the Personnel Committee interviewed the Building & Grounds/Janitorial applicants and recommend to the County Board that Applicant D was their first choice and Applicant A is their second. The Personnel Committee recommends offering the position to Applicant D at the hourly rate of \$14.00 an hour. If Applicant D declines, then they recommend offering the position to Applicant A at \$14.00 an hour. If they decline then offer the position to Applicant D for \$14.50 an hour and if they decline that, then offer to Applicant A for \$14.50 an hour and if they decline, then the Personnel Committee will come back to the County Board and see what can be offered. Moved Kucera, second Carlson to hire Applicant D at the hourly rate of \$14.00 an hour. If Applicant D declines, then they recommend offering the position to Applicant A at \$14.00 an hour. If they decline then offer the position to Applicant D for \$14.50 an hour and if they decline that, then offer to Applicant A for \$14.50 an hour and if they decline, then the Personnel Committee will come back to the County Board and see what can be offered. Roll Call: All Ayes. Kucera called Applicant D and they accepted the position at \$14.00 an hour. His name is Steve Adler and his start date will be June 15, 2015.

**Payroll:** The May 2015 payroll was presented to the Board for their approval: General: Gross: \$104,328.53 Net: \$73,646.12 Roads: \$47,454.74 Net: \$32,191.59 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$2,836.17 Net: \$1,964.65. Moved Kucera, second Carlson to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Carlson, Graves, Kreachbaum, and Wiegert. Ayes to the ones they signed: Helgoth, Weller, and Kucera.

Carlson said the job descriptions and evaluation forms for the appointed officials need to be revised. The Board will revise the job descriptions and evaluation forms for the appointed officials at their next board meeting.

**Adjourn:** Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to adjourn at 1:14 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk